PENNSYLVANIA LESBIAN/GAY SUPPORT NETWORK
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The May Meeting of the Pa. L/G Support Network will be held on Saturday, the 19th at 1:00 P. M. in the Friends Meeting House, 6th and Herr Streets, in Harrisburg. Agenda items for this meeting will be suggestions for the future structure and organization of the Network, and a few items relative to Pride '79 such as a proposed schedule for the conference, fees, and workshop suggestions (see next paragraph.) Those attending are reminded that it is the privilege of any person present to bring business to the deliberation of the network, What ideas have you been holding back on?

A special and major meeting of the Pride '79 planning committee will be held on Sunday afternoon to select the workshops which will be presented at Pride '79. Some persons are staying over to attend. Free floor space is offered. The proposed schedule allows for sixty or more hours of wokshops divided into three periods of three hours on Sat. morning, afternoon, and Sun. morning. Each period will be divided into 3 one hour modules, allowing 50 minutes per workshop and ten minutes between workshops. Certain workshops would run two hours, some would be repeated, and some would serve special interest groups such as the switchboards or religious services: but the large number of hours both allows and demands that the committee have a wide variety of topics and variations from which to choose. Also, names of persons who are qualified and interested in leading the workshops is solicited. If you cannot make this meeting, please make certain your ideas get there.

NOTES from April meeting

All lesbian/gay switchboards in Pennsylvania were represented at a special meeting sponsored by the Network. Meeting seperately with Roger Beatty acting as the moderator of the discussion, the telephone services decided to meet every 3 months on their own. After deciding that training was the most beneficial sharing they could get together for, those present sheduled a meeting for Philadelphia in three months, and asked for workshop-training periods at Pride '79. They also agreed to some information sharing such as local bar and organization info; they did not agree, however, to a proposed classification system which would be uniform for all the services in classifying the types of calls recieved. Reportedly, small differences sperate the systems now in use.

At the regular meeting of the Network, the major decision was to make the theme of Pride '79, "A year for growth". In keeping with the theme, the network accepted a proposal that the conference conduct three banks of workshops emphasising (1)) Personal growth - in which topics focusing on the individual would be presented, (2) Sister/Brother Space- in which the men and women attending would be deliberately divided by themes appealing to one or the other sex such as Women's Music or Women's poetry and Male sexuality or Men's liberation, (3) Community (and Movement) in which lesbians and gay men consider the society they mutually create for themselves. Some subjects such as alcohol abuse would properly be considered on all three levels as might a subject such as discrimination (how does one cope with personal harrassment; do gay men recognize opression when they think it natural for heterosexuals to kiss in public but wrong for gays; without civil protections of gay rights what else can we do to protect our homes and jobs)

Network to award "Community Service Honors"

The Network adopted a resolution to award honors, annually, in reconition of 'exemplary community service' to individuals and/or organizations in Pa.

Criteria for the awards will be: Consistent consideration of the needs of the total lesbian/gay community; Committment to the pride, dignity, and self-worth of lesbians and gays; and selfless service to our community. Recipients will be chosen by a committee consisting of the elected officers and district coordinators of the Network - all of whom shall be ineligeble. The names of the recipients will remain secret until presentation of the awards at Pride '79.

Nominations of both groups and persons who meet the above criteria are solicited from all segments of the Lesbian/gay community in Pennsylvania.